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## Actor Aaron makes Hollyoaks debut

IT HAS been a very happy new year for top local acting talent Aaron Fontaine, who saw his first scenes in popular soap Hollyoaks aired this week.

The 25-year-old (pictured), who grew up in Lewsey Farm in Luton, has reprised the role of Sonny Valentine in the series, and entered the village with an explosive storyline.

His debut episode, which was televised on Monday, saw Sonny return to the village - only to be greeted with information about who killed his brother Calvin.

The coming weeks will see Sonny, who is now a police Detective Sergeant, try to get

justice for his dead brother, a move which has consequences for many who live in the village.

"I'm delighted that my first scenes have finally been aired, and the reaction has been really positive," said Aaron.

"I couldn't have hoped for a better storyline for my entrance into Hollyoaks. It's the stuff that actors dream of.

"I've have had lots of lovely phone calls and messages from friends and family. It's all been a bit of a shock to the system, but I really couldn't be happier at the moment."

- For our exclusive interview with Aaron, turn to page 3.

# Thousands view reports of zero-rated food outlets

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**DETAILS** of food outlets in the town that have a zero rating for food hygiene sparked huge debate online this week as thousands viewed the reports on our website [www.luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk).

On Tuesday, *Luton on Sunday* highlighted that 16 food outlets were rated as '0' - meaning they needed 'urgent improvement' - and the story was viewed more than 25,000 times within 11 hours.

And by Friday thousands more had logged online as *Luton on Sunday* published full official reports of

what inspectors found during visits to restaurants and takeaways given a zero.

The inspections are carried out by food safety officers who check how well a business is meeting the law by looking at how hygienically the food is handled, the condition of the structure of the buildings and how the business manages and records what it does to make sure food is safe.

Afterwards a rating between zero and five is given, with zero being the worst and five the best. On Tuesday, 16 businesses were listed on the official Food Standards Agency website as having a zero rating.

However, on Thursday Luton council said this had changed to 13 as a

result of a delay in updating the score for one business, another being re-assessed and another changing ownership. The authority also said it was offering free training to businesses with ratings between zero and two who are classed as being the 'highest risk'.

Cllr Mohammed Ashraf, from Luton council, said: "The majority of premises in Luton have excellent hygiene and cleanliness ratings and we are committed to improving standards to the very few that are falling short of the expected standard."

"Officers are working very closely with each of the premises with a zero rating and taking a graduated

approach to securing and improving compliance. Some of the premises have already started making improvements and if this is sustained they will get an improved hygiene rating at the next unannounced inspection."

"Food law lays down basic cleanliness and hygiene standards for food businesses to help keep customers safe and healthy and businesses that continue to ignore these basic hygiene standards face prosecution and fines."

In Dunstable, two food businesses were given scores of zero by food safety officers. Cllr Brian Spurr, from Central Bedfordshire council, said: "People are interested in these

scores because it matters when you decide to go out for a meal.

"We inspect all premises, not just those getting low scores, but we do work intensively with those scoring 0-2 because we want to raise the standards as soon as possible."

"We make additional visits and offer training to help improve their performance - both practical solutions like demonstrating the best way to stack a fridge, and training on how to develop a food safety management system that works for them."

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# Council hits back at airport plans criticism

**BY CARL MUNGAZI**

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**THE COUNCIL has brushed aside criticism of its support for plans to expand Luton Airport.**

Proposals to increase passenger capacity from 12 million to 18 million a year were approved in principal by Luton council following a 10-hour public meeting in December.

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is now considering whether the council can proceed to issue the consent but the authority's support of the plans has been criticised by neighbouring MPs and councils.

Hemel Hempstead MP Mike Penning has accused the authority of being 'underhand' and having a 'conflict of interest' whilst both Harpenden MP Peter Lilley and Harpenden Town Council have urged DCLG to 'call in' the decision.

A spokesman for Luton council said its role as the local planning authority was 'entirely separate' to its role as shareholder of London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL), the company which owns the airport.

He added: "Each is run wholly independently of each other, with their respective functions entirely separate."

"The planning application from



The airport wants to increase its annual passenger capacity by six million

London Luton Airport Operations Ltd was subject to statutory consultations undertaken by the council as the Local Planning Authority and dealt with impartially, fairly and transparently.

"In reaching their decision, which was based on sound judgments, supported by clear planning reasons and taken in accordance with the relevant policies in the development plan,

councillors considered all material planning considerations including responses to the consultation."

A spokesman for Luton Airport said the planning application had been approved following a year of 'rigorous scrutiny' by all the parties involved and was supported by two-thirds of respondents to its planning consultation.

## Inquest into the death of Leon Briggs opened

AN INQUEST into the death of Luton man Leon Briggs has been opened following a hearing in Hatfield.

Leon Briggs, 39, died in November last year after being detained and restrained by police and taken into custody.

The father of two was taken to Luton Police Station but later had to be rushed to the Luton & Dunstable Hospital where he died.

His death is now being investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

Five Bedfordshire Police officers and two members of civilian staff have been interviewed under criminal caution by IPCC investigators on suspicion of offences, including gross negligence, manslaughter, misconduct in a public office and offences under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.

On Wednesday morning the inquest into Leon's death was opened in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, in front of the coroner for the county, Mr Edward Thomas.

In a hearing lasting just three

minutes, he said the cause of Leon's death still had to be determined and was awaiting the results of histology and toxicology tests, but he said he was able to release Leon's body to his family.

Following Leon's death, campaigners have set up a group called Justice4Leon, which is calling for it to be law for police officers to film every interaction with the public.

A vigil to mark the three month anniversary of the death will take place next month on Tuesday, February 4.

## newsbriefs

**MAN STABBED IN BRUNEL ROAD**

A MAN in his early 40s was taken to hospital for treatment to stab wounds in the early hours of Monday morning.

It is believed the victim became involved in an altercation in Brunel Road at around 1.29am, during which he was attacked.

He sustained several puncture wounds, but his injuries are not thought to be life threatening.

Anyone with information can call Bedfordshire Police on 101.

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WHERE would you find a flight ticket to New York, a pair of Miu Miu shoes and a life-sized Teletubby outfit - where else but Travelodge's Lost & Found office!

Budget hotel chain, Travelodge, has announced the mysterious objects left behind in its hotels during 2013. Booty that has been left behind in the Luton hotel includes a flight ticket to Teletubby outfit and a watercolour painting.

Across the UK, some of the more bizarre items include deeds to a £2 million house and a pet tarantula called Hercules.

**LUTON MAN TO FACE COURT**

POLICE have charged a Luton man with dangerous driving, failing to stop and obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Abdul Basit Khan, 26, from Chapel Street was arrested during the early hours of Thursday, in connection with a police pursuit in the town.

Khan has been released on bail to appear before Luton Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, January 22.

**CAT CHARITY GETS SUPPORT**

THE recently opened Pets at Home store in Luton is hoping to make a difference after Cat Welfare Luton was chosen as its charity partner.

Colleagues at the shop are gearing up to work hand in hand with the charity via Pets at Home's own scheme, Support Adoption For Pets.

Pets at Home store manager, Sarah Smithson, said: "We're really excited about our partnership and have already raised £700 for them."

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# Hollyoaks star Aaron having 'time of his life'

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LUTON actor Aaron Fontaine has said he has been 'overwhelmed' with the reaction to his debut in hit TV soap Hollyoaks.

The 25-year-old has been bombarded with tweets and online comments since he made his first appearance in the popular Channel 4 programme on Monday.

"I can't quite get my head around it all to be honest, but it has been a really great week," said Aaron.

"Most of the feedback has been really positive, which is even better.

"There will always be people who don't have anything nice to say, but that just spurs me on to be better. Of course, I've also had lots of nice messages from family and friends.

"In fact, I'll be back in town this weekend to have a celebratory meal with my Mum!"

Aaron said he hadn't planned to watch his debut, but admitted he had later had a sneak peek, but 'only to critique the performance'.

"I guess there is a bit of a pressure when you enter a show as a returning character, but watching the scenes back I was quite pleased.



STAR: Aaron Fontaine in one of his debut scenes

"I can't give too much away, but hopefully the stories I'm involved in in the future will be equally exciting – Sonny is certainly sticking around and is going to ruffle a few feathers."

The screen star admitted his life has completely changed over the last couple of months, but is thankful for his opportunity in the show.

"It's madness. Last year I was in a flat in London and now I'm in a penthouse in Liverpool living with

Fabrizio Santino (Ziggy Roscoe) and Alfie Browne-Sykes (Jason Roscoe)."

But despite the big changes Aaron added that he comes back to Luton whenever he has the chance.

"I came home to spend Christmas with my family and New Year with my friends. It was nice to chill out, play Xbox and have a few drinks with the boys. I won't forget where I've come from and I'll do anything to help out my mates where I can."

## Paul Young aims to make a Splash!

MUSICIAN Paul Young will be making a return to his hometown to appear in the hit Luton-based diving show, Splash!

It has been confirmed that the singer, who had a massive hit with 'Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home)' is scheduled to appear in next Saturday's episode of the popular prime time programme.

The chart-topper, who is due to celebrate his 58th birthday on Friday,

has been preparing to take on the diving boards under the watchful eye of Olympian Tom Daley.

Paul was born in Luton and went to Ashcroft High School before hitting the big time in the '80s.

The Lutonian will be appearing alongside glamour model Danielle Lloyd, The Only Way is Essex's Dan Osbourne, comedian Patrick Monahan and conservative MP, Penny Mordaunt.

The inclusion of the MP for Portsmouth North, who follows George Galloway and Nadine Dorries from Parliament to reality TV, has caused some controversy.

However, Ms Mordaunt has assured viewers she is donating her fee to charity, adding that she has the "diving prowess of a paving slab", but the show would be a "great personal development experience".

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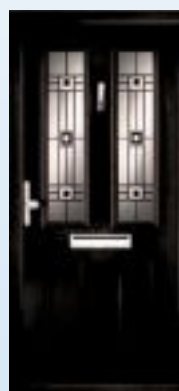
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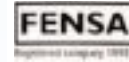
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# Internet training for Muslim mums

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MUSLIM mothers in the town are set to get training on how to help their children stay away from extremist material on the internet as part of a new charity scheme.

The initiative is being headed by the JAN Trust, a charity that works to empower and help women all over the country.

Its project director, 30-year-old Sajda Mughal (pictured), herself a Muslim and a survivor of the July 7 bombings in 2005, said there was a 'demand' from mothers to be educated about ways youngsters can become radicalised online.

She said: "We are hoping to start our 'Web Guardians' projects and it will equip Muslim mothers with skills to get online and monitor their children's activities. We want to equip them with the



ONLINE: Mums unaware of risk says Sajda Mughal

right skills and knowledge to have those offline discussions on the views their kids might be exposed to or have."

The Trust has previously worked with Muslim women telling them about the dangers of extremist content on the internet in a 'Web Guardians' pilot scheme run in

Haringey, London.

Mrs Mughal, who is also a mother-of-two, said her experience as a passenger on one of the trains which was attacked by terrorists had a lasting impact on her.

She joined the Trust after the bombings and began looking into the reasons behind extremism.

Mrs Mughal said:

"There is a great deal of material online which is designed to radicalise people.

"It has been shocking to discover how little mothers know about this and how unaware they are of the dangers.

"It is essential that we educate all these women so that they can discuss these issues with their children and protect them, from a young age."

No start date has been given for the project yet but Mrs Mughal said the Trust's 25 years of working with women led them to believe that mothers had a 'unique capacity to safeguard their kids'.

She added: "We came to Luton because of its background with extremism and the far-right.

"When we were doing our pilot project in London word got out about it and that's how knew about the demand for training in Luton and other areas."

## Police feature in TV series

OFFICERS and staff at Luton Police station are set to feature in a new fly-on-the-wall documentary which begins filming at the end of next month.

Channel 4 (C4) has commissioned a new observational documentary looking at life inside the police station.

It will be filmed by a combination of fixed-rig and hand-

held cameras and will aim to provide an insight into the day-to-day challenges faced by the staff.

C4's documentaries commissioning editor Amy Flanagan said the town was chosen because of the 'incredibly tight-knit working relationships and camaraderie which exists between the officers and because Luton is a small

town station that now faces big city problems'.

A Bedfordshire Police spokeswoman said the force was 'very excited' about the show.

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PRESENTATION: Holocaust survivor Joan Salter

## Holocaust survivor speaks to students

PUPILS at Cardinal Newman Sixth Form in Luton had the rare chance to talk to Holocaust survivor Joan Salter this week.

The visit, which was organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, included both a presentation and question and answer session.

Head of RE, Peter Fahy, said: "It was a privilege for our students to hear from an eyewitness about the ultimate effect of prejudice, racist ideologies and the savage inhumanity that resulted."

# Patient visits A&E 234 times in a year

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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A PATIENT visited the Luton & Dunstable Hospital's accident and emergency department 234 times last year, figures have revealed.

Data obtained by a Freedom of Information request showed that some patients were going to A&E units in the UK more than 50 times a year.

The BBC asked 175 hospital trusts and boards across the nation for data on repeat attendances during 2012-13.

They had a response from 106, covering 183 units. Figures revealed that nearly 12,000 people made more than 10 visits to the same unit in 2012-13.

Among the worst cases identified was a patient who went to the L&D on 234 occasions whilst one person went to Sheffield's Northern General 223 times.

Last year the L&D's A&E department dealt with 80,000 cases.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "We know that a tiny

minority of patients have very complex health and social needs which are not easily addressed in any setting and these people visit many different health services that are available very frequently.

"Anyone arriving at our A&E Department (or any A&E) might require clinical investigation and treatment, and at this hospital, we have diagnosed very serious illness, including cancer, in people whom others might regard as abusing A&E with their frequent visits."

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For every tonne gathered at the recycling banks, the charity receives £220. Banks can be found in Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard.

# Man filmed up skirt of young schoolgirl

**BY JULIA SUTTON**

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A LUTON man who filmed up a schoolgirl's skirt with his mobile phone has been given a suspended prison sentence, after an off-duty special constable witnessed the incident.

Kevin Andrews, 52, of Fourth Avenue appeared at Blackfriars Crown Court on December 20 after pleading guilty to possessing an indecent image of a child and two counts of outraging public

decency. He was sentenced to six months in prison suspended for 18 months.

Andrews was also fined £300, placed on the sex offenders register for seven years and handed a five-year Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO).

Andrews committed the offence on July 9, 2013, at Moorgate London Underground station.

The court heard that an off-duty special constable noticed Andrews acting suspiciously. Andrews made his

way up the escalator and stood close to a schoolgirl before holding his mobile phone low down and in camera mode.

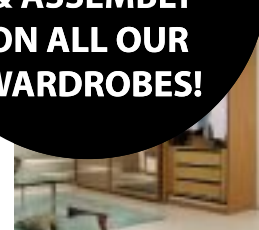
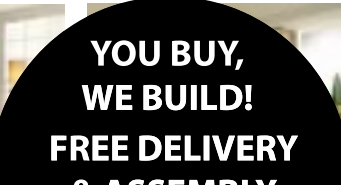
The officer confronted Andrews and asked to see the phone, which contained indecent images.

British Transport Police officers were called and Andrews arrested. During a search of Andrews' home address officers found a disc containing more similar videos and a laptop containing indecent images of children.

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# your letters

## Bigger airport approved, but can roads cope?

**SIR – THE** Luton Airport expansion has got the go-ahead, subject to the decision being called in by the Secretary of State.

This expansion has got to happen, it is no good these people complaining about noise - many of them have moved into the area knowing the flight path goes above their homes.

It's all very well expanding the airport and it would bring much needed money into the town (if the Labour-run council don't waste it).

But as many people know the road into the airport is a cul-de-sac. If there is a road traffic accident in that road, you are going nowhere. It's also the surrounding roads that are not fit for purpose.

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**GREEN LIGHT:** The expansion plans for Luton Airport have been given the go-ahead

roundabout, then you've just got normal street as you have coming from Hitchin and Stevenage. Also there are plans to develop the old Vauxhall site into hotels, a casino and so much more, which will

bring more traffic into the airport area. The roads just won't take that amount of traffic, with all the large lorries.

With regards to those who have complained about the expansion of

the airport, I always wonder where do these people go on holiday? And do they fly from Luton Airport? Makes you think doesn't it.  
AD Currant,  
Lime Avenue, Luton



### Honour real achievers

**SIR – IN** last week's LoS Steve Lowe was again lambasting the New Year's Honours system. Quite right too, but he didn't go far enough. Sadly it's another tragic leftover from feudal England which should have been scrapped along with the burning of witches and the transportation to the colonies of sheep thieves.

If we're to have them at all, honours should be restricted to people who have made personal sacrifices or achieved something really outstanding. But, I agree, it is utterly nonsensical to award them to civil servants simply for having done their jobs - often for very high salaries - or to politicians who've not only been well paid while in office but then retired to take well-paid 'pretend' advisory posts in business.

The same applies to entertainers and sports people. I would make an exception in the case of such people as Crick and Watson whose dedication and genius led to the unravelling of the nature of DNA - a discovery which has changed the world. Similarly, the pioneers of the internet and the World Wide Web were 'makers of history'.

But to honour somebody for indulging his own selfish, personal pleasures of kicking a ball or hitting one with a wooden stick is going to do nothing to reverse Britain's international reputation as a has-been nation with its feet still firmly planted in the past.

**Ron Turvey**  
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

### Prices are going up

**SIR – A** THOUGHT as we are all running around wishing each other a happy new year.

This is also the time of year when businesses choose to increase their prices. Even the smallest items will go up by a couple of pence.

Christmas is a time when we are all spending money like there is no tomorrow.

They think that they can slip in their price rises without us noticing. There is one thing that won't go up. Our wages!

Happy new year. I wish!  
**John Tucker,**  
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

### Protect the animals

**SIR – WHIPSNAD'S** Zoo's annual animal audit will fail to count the physical and mental suffering endured by these wild animals as a result of the frustration of a lifetime spent in cages ("The animals came in two by two: Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire takes stock" - [luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://luton-dunstable.co.uk).)

At the end of the day, the paying public can go home, but zoo animals are stuck as living exhibits until the day that they die in captivity - thousands of miles from where they truly belong. Anyone who cares about protecting animals should donate to programmes that protect them in their natural habitats and stay away from these glorified animal prisons.

**Ben Williamson**  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

### Train service is poor

**SIR – I** HAVE recently travelled by a modern, 21st century express train to visit relatives over the Xmas period, and experienced the continuing anachronism of 19th century privilege by wealth.

As a member of the vast majority of the population who are suffering under this 'austerity' caused by the financial crisis brought on by greedy bankers, I bought a Standard Advance ticket. On boarding the already full train at Bedford, I found that my 'reserved' seat was not actually reserved, and had to stand all the way to Nottingham. Additionally, there was not a luggage rack in the coach for Standard passengers.

The result was a journey of stress, jostling with other passengers standing in the walkway, with luggage piled to waist height, and access to the toilet virtually impossible.

I noted the coach was divided into Standard and First Class: the luggage rack was only available to First Class passengers. I also observed, as the journey continued, that seats became vacant in First Class, unlike the continued overcrowding in Standard Class.

I further observed that there was individual waiter service for snacks in First Class, whereas Standard Class passengers had to wait for the service trolley - if it managed to get down the train through the blocked walkways.

This is Britain in the 21st century. This is not the rural Asian subcontinent where hundreds travel on the roofs of antiquated

trains - major accidents waiting to happen, and they do.

It is time that privilege through wealth, or any other criteria, was abolished, and travelling conditions equalised, so that all railway passengers receive a comfortable and stress-free level of service.

MPs, especially those of the Coalition Government, are often accused of being out-of-touch with the electorate. By voting to abolish First Class and mandate the railway companies to provide improved levels of service - and then travel with the populace - they will start to get some respect back from the voters.  
**James Henry,**  
Address supplied

### Rail fares are too high

**SIR – THE** Government's transport minister has recently said he is 'determined' to see improvements in rail services in East Anglia.

But he never mentions the high (and rising) cost of fares.

The Green Party believe that public transport is a key public service, and that getting people to their place of work by rail or bus is far preferable to cars.

The only way to bring fares down is to take the regional rail 'franchise' back into public ownership, which is Green Party policy. Green MP Caroline Lucas is introducing a bill to bring our railways back into public ownership for the common good. February 28 is the date for its reading in Parliament.

**Lucy Bywater,**  
Green Party



Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

### New Year's Honours

@UCMK - Huge congratulations to Professor Jenny Pearce for receiving well deserved recognition for her OBE award in the @LutonOnSunday! #UoBTeam

@uniofbeds Prof Jenny Pearce receiving more well deserved recognition for her OBE award in the @LutonOnSunday.

### Splash! back on tele

@AdamSpokes - Oh great, so not only do we have Splash! in our town again, we also have Paul Ross. Marvellous.

@Ejectfast - Most viewers don't care where it's filmed.

### Reported comments

@joe\_levien - I'm sure this is the first time that an article concerning @OilyMartins has been deemed most interesting

@JohnEJefferson - @joe\_levien @LutonOnSunday @OilyMartins Shame so many of our lives could be in his hands!!!

### Attack on driver

@OfficialSaundra - Vicious attack. Needs witness's in Leighton Buzzard to come forward. Hope the driver recovers!  
@LutonOnSunday @bedspolice

### Black and white TVs

@masekwm - or 69 households are lying...

### Teletubby outfit left

@LutonEye - That was a bit Dipsy. He must have been in La La land to leave that. Was it in Lost Po-perty?

### Our most read online

- Sixteen Luton food outlets and restaurants given a ZERO hygiene rating and listed as needing 'urgent improvement' by the Food Standards Agency

- Splash: Diversity star Perri Kiely and presenter Michaela Strachan sail through first round of diving competition

- Inquest opens into death of Luton man Leon Briggs who died in police custody

- Man threatened with gun and knife during 'terrifying' burglary in Cranleigh Gardens, Luton

- VIDEO: Reader film shows flooding of roads in Caddington following torrential downpours



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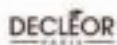
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And they all decided that, as they were students, they had better behave like students. To prove the point we filled one of the bottle banks on our own with beer bottles.

The present Mrs Lowe spent most of the festive season at the supermarket replenishing the fridge and beer supply only to be met with tumbleweed the next day. Don't get me wrong – all lovely chaps – but they are also eating and drinking machines.

The two cats were very put out, as all their favourite night-time resting places seemed to be occupied by a snoring youth wearing smelly socks.

As we are centrally placed in town, have Sky Sports and a few bedrooms we were the ideal HQ for the season's sporting events too.

This seems mainly to be NFL these days as football is not exciting enough, rugby union not dirty enough and cricket a non-event (for once I agree with them on that).

The culmination of this bonhomie was when we were

## Goodwill to all men - just leave me a beer

evicted from our house in order for them to hold a New Year's Eve party.

We indulged in a sophisticated evening with friends, wining and dining and celebrating in a cultured, low key manner.

We then thought it best to go back and check out the party, which was in full swing on our return. We were generously offered some of our own drink.

I decided this was the point to show these young 'uns how it should be done and entered enthusiastically into the drinking game which was underway.

The game involved drawing a playing card and then drinking some concoction in one.

The meaning of the card drawn was soon lost on me, so when it was my turn I just downed the drink.

I would like to say that I am sure I impressed them with my performance but unfortunately for New Year's Day I was confined to bed and then the sofa due to a nasty headache – I must have slept in a draught or ate some-

thing that disagreed with me. Anyway the students have now gone back to their various universities and life has returned to normal with food in the fridge and beer in the cupboard.

Just need to stock up for the Easter holidays.

**S**PEAKING of cricket, England were thrashed by Australia. So well done Aussies and better luck next time England.

It was their turn, surely. Two aspects irritate me, though.

One: all those ex-England players, many of whom never knew a winning series, slugging off England. Cooke was picked out for extra vitriol.

But how many former captains have beaten Australia in an Ashes series and India in India? And two: if the foul language and abuse, known as sledging, was witnessed in any other sport, the perpetrators would be sent off. If it happened on the street, they would be arrested.

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## Deaths

**CAFFEY** 'Alo' (Alan) Of Luton, died suddenly on 28th December 2013, aged 90 years. Requiem Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at 12.45pm on Friday 24th January 2014 followed by committal at Luton Crematorium. Flowers welcome, but if desired donations for Action For Stammering Children may be sent via [www.memorygiving.com](http://www.memorygiving.com) / [aloyiscscaffrey@memorygiving.com](mailto:aloyiscscaffrey@memorygiving.com) to Neville Funeral Service Limited, Neville House, Marsh Road, LU3 2RZ. Tel: 01582 490005.

**WALKER** Peacefully on 20th December, Jean Buchanan Walker of Holkham Close, Luton, aged 54 years. Funeral service will be held at Luton Crematorium, 1.00pm on Tuesday 14th January. Donations in lieu of flowers should be made payable to "Keech Care Hospice" and sent via Co-operative Funeralcare, 37 New Bedford Road, Luton, LU1 1SE.

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BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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Lavinia Douglass,  
Marketing Manager at The

Mall, Luton, said: "Retail Factor is a great opportunity for small and start-up independent businesses to take their business to a new level."

*Luton on Sunday* editor Stefan Bartlett added: "We are proud to be backing the Retail Factor, and are looking forward to seeing what our local businesses have to offer."

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# On night patrol around High Town

IT's cold, it's dark and it's wet. Usually I'd be tucked up in bed, but tonight I'm on the night shift with police officers working on Operation Turtle – a scheme to rid High Town in Luton of prostitution.

The issue of vice has been a long-standing one in the area and one that has left residents feeling intimidated, scared and embarrassed about where they live. Operation Turtle has now been running for a year. With complaints from residents dropping dramatically, I joined the police officers to see how the regular patrols work.

**9pm** - Joined by Sergeant Jason Cahill and Special Constable Matt Statham, I

A police operation to tackle the sex trade in High Town has reached its first anniversary. LAUREN ARCHELL joins officers on patrol

jump into the police van and we make our way to High Town. One of the team is stationed in the CCTV control room at the town hall.

She monitors the area for any suspicious behaviour and flags up anything she sees to the waiting team.

**9.30pm** - We drive around the main roads in High Town. It is quiet, but we check out all the usual haunts.

"High Town can be a tricky

place," says Jason. "There are a lot of alleyways and dark car parks for sex workers to go - at times it can be like a maze."

**10pm** - The officers see a car parked in a dark area with no lights on, but they can see two people inside.

It turns out the pair aren't up to anything untoward but the vehicle has a strong smell of cannabis. A full search of the vehicle is conducted but nothing is found

## OPERATION TURTLE FACT FILE

- Since January 2013, 265 people have been dealt with as part of Operation Turtle.

- Of these, 34 people have been arrested for kerb

crawling offences. Of these, five were repeat offenders.

- 79 others have been arrested in connection with other offences including

burglary, robbery, ABH, GBH, attempted murder and drug offences.

- In January 2013, there were 43 complaints about sex

workers made to the police.

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**STRATEGY:** Officers in action on Operation Turtle which is tackling the sex trade in High Town

and the duo are free to go. "Although our main aim is to target sex workers, we won't ignore any other criminality we see," says Special Constable Statham.

**10.30pm** - We spot a known sex worker out on the streets. Minutes later we receive a call to say the woman has been picked up and we swoop on the car.

After stating that the pair were 'just friends', the female admits she had agreed to full sex for a price of £30, while the male driver maintains that he was giv-

ing her a lift. As they weren't caught in the act, he is given some stern words of advice and his details are taken.

"When we started the operation we expected to deal with six or seven kerb crawlers a night," says Matt. "As the year has gone on, numbers have dropped to one or two a night and sometimes not any at all, purely because I think they are aware of the police presence in the area."

Sergeant Jason Cahill added: "What we're trying to do, alongside partner

agencies, is encourage the woman to go on the 'exit strategy' and tackle the underlying issues that mean that they have to go out on the streets.

"I would say around 90 per cent of it is related to drugs, so if the women choose to engage with the strategy they will receive help.

"But there is no quick fix. This operation forms part of a five-year strategy and we are committed to helping High Town, so that the residents there are free of this problem for good."

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EXCITED: Jordan Bradley will be in the final of Open Mic UK

## Singer Jordan lands spot in contest finals

FORMER Icknield High School student Jordan Bradley has made it to the final of Open Mic UK, and is set to perform at the NEC Arena in Birmingham. Jordan wowed a judging panel at the area final in December, which saw the best unsigned singers and songwriters compete for a place at the grand final on Saturday, January 18.

The talented musician from Luton said: "I have been performing locally for three years and I am ecstatic to be part of such an exciting competition."

# Masked burglars in 'terrifying' raid

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A MAN woke up to find two armed raiders in his house – who then threatened him with a handgun and a knife.

The resident had been asleep in his property in Cranleigh Gardens, Luton on Sunday, January 5, when he was woken at around 2.45am by two men wearing balaclavas.

The pair threatened the victim before stealing £200 in cash and his iPhone. They

then fled the property along Fountains Road towards Culverhouse Road.

The man armed with the handgun is described as being white, around five feet six inches tall, dressed in black clothing and wearing a balaclava.

The second – armed with a kitchen knife – was a black male, around six feet two inches tall, wearing dark clothing and also had his face covered. Detective Constable Ben Stone, who is investigating the incident, is keen to

hear from anyone who may have seen the offenders either before or after the raid.

DC Stone said: "This was a terrifying ordeal for the victim who genuinely feared that he would be harmed if he did not hand over his belongings."

"I would urge anyone with information about this crime to come forward."

If you have information relating to this incident, contact DC Stone on 01582 394471, or call the non-emergency number 101.

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# 'Unhygienic' poultry man is fined £4.6k

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**A MAN has been fined £4,650 for operating an illegal poultry cutting plant.**

Shahbaz Khan, 36, from Dallow Road, pleaded guilty to ten food hygiene offences at Luton Magistrates' Court. He also paid a £47 victim surcharge and costs of £866.

In July 2012, Luton council food safety officers were alerted by a member of the public who noticed crates of chicken meat piled up beside a garage behind shops in Riddy Lane.

When officers visited they found chicken meat being processed without approval in unhygienic conditions.



**UNHYGIENIC:** Officers found flies crawling over a wooden cutting block and dried-on chicken flesh and feathers on a fridge door handle

They immediately shut the business.

Councillor Mohammed Ashraf said: "By carrying out his business in a garage behind shops, Mr Khan broke food hygiene laws and put the

public at risk by preparing food in unhygienic conditions. Thanks to a member of the public alerting us, we were able to immediately stop his potentially dangerous business."

## 69 homes still use black and white TVs in Luton

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this week from TV Licensing show that 69 black and white licences have been issued in Luton, compared to 76 last year. Nationally, the number has dropped a further 12 per cent in the

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On Monday drivers on the M1 experienced long delays during the morning rush hour as one lane was closed southbound at junction 10 at Dunstable because of a pothole.

Luton council says it has received 58 reports of potholes since December 23 2013, whilst Central Bedfordshire said it had done 119 repairs.

According to Mark Morrell, a national road campaigner also known as 'Mr Pothole', councils can expect to be busy over the next two months as roads get bumpy.

WITH 'pothole season' upon us again, we sent CARL MUNGAZI to find out what is being done to keep our roads in good nick

He said: "When it comes to repairs, we are coming to the start of the pothole season which peaks in March because councils are coming to the end of their financial year. But the councils are in a situation where they are really strapped for cash."

"In terms of repairs there are different techniques they can use. They can just put tarmac in to fill the hole in adverse weather conditions to make it safe."

"It won't last that long but I think that local authorities have not got the right funding to do the job."

"We need to ring fence the money for this. I can't believe there's no money in the government when you can spend so much on HS2 but the roads are falling to pieces."

Luton council said maintaining its road network was a 'priority' and that it had invested £1.8 million into

## POTHOLE FACT FILE

Luton Council inspects over 280 miles of roads and footpaths, programming routine and structural repairs. Its 'seek and repair'

teams are set to be active from tomorrow and reports can be made by calling the council on 01582 510333 or visiting [luton.gov.uk/potholes](http://luton.gov.uk/potholes).

Central Beds said it prioritises fixing dangerous potholes. These are classified as ones which are at least 5cm deep and extend 15cm in all

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Council officials say they have fixed this pothole in Evelyn Road, Dunstable after it was reported

road resurfacing in 2013/14. A spokesman said: "As part of this work, four council highway inspectors check on the condition of the borough's roads and schedule appropriate works. "We make safe or repair any reported potholes within 24 hours that are more than 50mm deep and

150mm wide.

"Our inspectors also assess if it would be more cost effective to repair a stretch of road rather than repeatedly repair individual potholes."

Cllr Brian Spurr, from Central Bedfordshire, said the authority's roads were in a 'good condition' and work

was being done to keep it that way.

He added: "We also do our own inspections to check for potholes and other defects but we do appreciate when people report ones near their home or business too."

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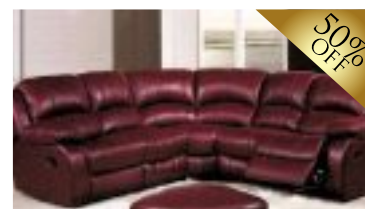
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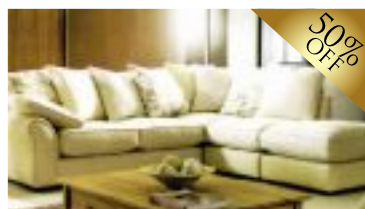
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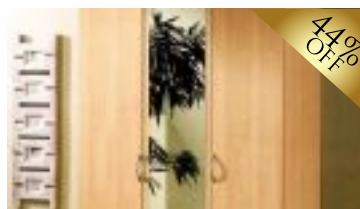
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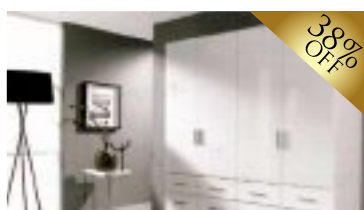
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# Keech needs your unwanted pressies

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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**KEECH** Hospice Care is calling on residents to donate any unwanted Christmas presents to its charity shops, as stock is running low.

The hospice had a busy pre-Christmas period, with many shoppers turning to its shops in the hunt for a festive bargain as belts tightened across the county.

Now the good cause, which has 30 shops across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes, is asking if generous residents could donate any unwanted gifts to them.

Philip Kojcinovic, retail manager at Keech Hospice



**PLEASE DONATE:** Keech Hospice shops need your unwanted presents

Care, said: "One person's junk is another person's treasure. Something one person would never buy could be exactly what someone else has been searching for."

"However heavy your hints to family and friends, chances are you unwrapped at least

one gift you felt you don't know what to do with!

"Instead of these items gathering dust, we are asking people to think of Keech Hospice Care."

Last year, the Keech Hospice shops managed to raise £1million for the charity.

## Plan to re-open Houghton Regis swimming pool

RESIDENTS' dreams for a swimming pool at Houghton Regis Leisure Centre are to be realised after a new contract for the centre was agreed by Central Bedfordshire Council.

The authority has developed the

Leisure Strategy with the goal of increasing opportunities for residents to get involved in sports and physical activity.

Bruce Hallam from the Houghton Regis Leisure Centre Action Group, said: "We've

worked so hard and would thank our members town councillors, our MP and many schools in the area for their continued support.

"We can't wait for the pool to reopen knowing that all sectors of the community will benefit."

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# The zoo animals are counted two by two

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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THE annual stock take at Whipsnade Zoo began in earnest this week, when all the animals, big and small, were counted.

Home to more than 2,500 critters, zoo keepers dusted off their clipboards and totted up each invertebrate, bird, fish, mammal, reptile and amphibian.

In fact, 2013 was a bumper year for babies including moose twins Bruce and Spruce, Bactrian camel calves Mo and Millie, and Asian elephant Max, born on October 12.

The compulsory count is required as part of the zoo's



READY: The elephants line up to be counted at Whipsnade's stocktake

licence, and all of the information is logged into the International Species Information System (ISIS), where it's used to manage the international breeding programmes for endangered

animals.

- Hundreds entered a competition to name the zoo's new baby giraffe. It has been announced that keepers have since chosen to name the newborn Willow!

## Funds made available for armed forces groups

LUTON Borough Council and the Armed Forces are asking people to come forward with ideas for projects which will strengthen the understanding between members of the armed forces and

the wider community. Funding is available as part of the Luton Community Covenant which was signed at the Town Hall last month to support local armed services personnel - past and

present - and promote awareness amongst the public of issues affecting them.

Local groups and projects are able to apply for grants of £100 to £250,000. To download an

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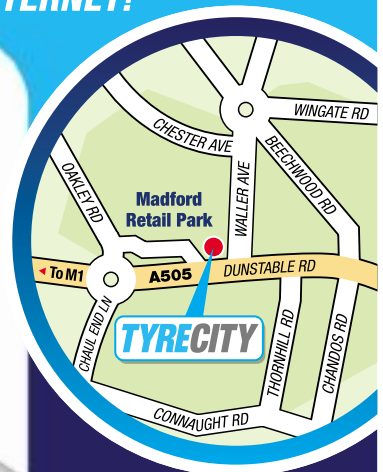
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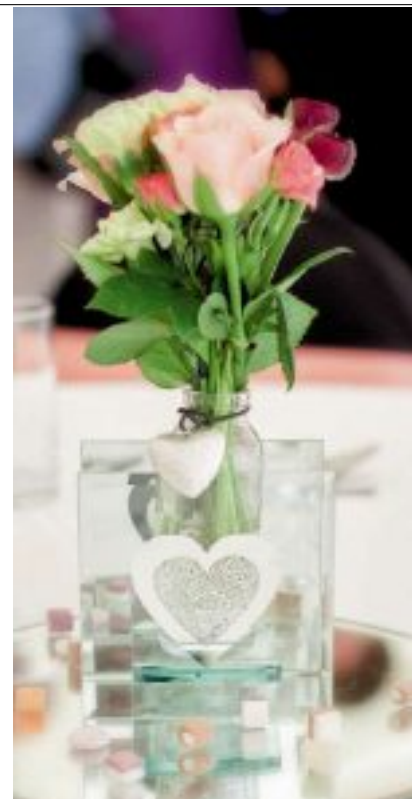


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The research reveals that long-term unemployed young people are more than twice as likely as their peers to have been prescribed anti-depressants. One in three have contemplated suicide, while one in four have self-harmed.

The findings are based on interviews with 2,161 16-to-25-year-olds and show that 40 per cent of jobless young people have faced symptoms of mental illness as a direct result of unemployment.

YMCA Bedfordshire is appealing for unemployed people in the Luton or Dunstable areas aged 16-25 to take part in the 12-week Prince's Trust Team programme to learn new skills, improve confidence, motivation and employment prospects. Last year, three out of four people taking part in the Team programme moved into work, education or training.

The Team programme involves team building activities, a week-long residential, a local community project, time with the fire service and two weeks of targeted work experience.

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On Friday the Electric Uke Orchestra will perform and on Saturday it will be Cerberus.

Festival organiser Mike Coombes said:

"The Luton Beer and Cider Festival has become an event that thousands of people look forward to every year and I'm pleased to say we expect the 31st in the series to be as good as ever.

"It will be great to see faces familiar and new.

"The festival is staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers, which is testament to the community of Luton that also turns out in droves to support what becomes the biggest real ale venue in town for three days."

Visitors will also be able to join real ale group CAMRA, the benefits of which include free entry to many beer festivals.

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LUTON folk musicians and artists are being given the chance to showcase their talent in a new competition.

The Love Folk LIVE Awards will run for four weeks from January 28 at the Live and Let Live pub in Pegsdon, which is five minutes from the A6 in Barton-le-Clay.

It has been organised by Helen Meissner's Folkstock Arts Foundation and aims to showcase acoustic and folk talent in the home counties.

There will be awards for four different categories up for grabs:

**Most Promising New Act** (under six months performing as a group/solo) – is for acts who perhaps lack experience but are reaching a greater audience with a proactive marketing approach.

**Outstanding Live Performance** – for acts who deliver professional and passionate performances which make it a memorable experience for the audience.

**Perennial Professional** – an artist or act who has been recording and gigging away for years and would like to attract gigs further afield and gain more exposure.

**Inspiring Innovator** – this is for originality in marketing, performance or song style.

Application details can be found at [www.folkstockartsfoundation.com](http://www.folkstockartsfoundation.com).

Entries must be in by January 14 (Tuesday) and the project starts on January 28.



## Hustling for film awards

### FILM PREVIEW

**AMERICAN HUSTLE (15)**

Director: David O Russell

**CHRISTIAN Bale and Jennifer Lawrence both put in terrific performances to help create another David O Russell – albeit it slightly flawed – masterpiece.**

They provide two great turns among a perfectly conceived cast, which also includes Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper and Jeremy Renner in top form – with a great cameo from Robert De Niro thrown in for good measure.

It won't be everyone's cup-of-tea – just like with director Russell's last

effort *The Silver Linings Playbook* – but this character-driven piece about the hustling financial excesses of the late 70s is a vibrant and energetic film that deserves attention.

It's loosely based on a New Jersey political scandal, which tells the story of brilliant con man Irving Rosenfeld (Bale), who along with his seductive British partner Sydney Prosser (Adams), is forced to work for eclectic FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Cooper) after finally getting caught.

Jeremy Renner's (*The Bourne Legacy*) Mayor Carmine Polito is the man caught-in-the-middle of this game between the con artists and the feds – which threatens to get out of control when the trio get closer to the mafia.

But the one person who threatens

to derail the whole plan is Irving's neurotic wife Rosalyn (Lawrence) who turns out to be more of a hindrance than a help, when wining and dining New Jersey's elite.

The story may not provide the payoff required for some – and almost gets dizzied by its own trickery – but this is one of the finest performances from an ensemble cast in some time.

If you're a true movie fan you've got to see it for performances alone, and if Lawrence (Bale should be in with a strong shout for Best Actor too) doesn't get a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for this, then she's the one that's been hustled.

**Rating 4/5**

**Written by Gavin Miller**

## Ska group all set for launch show at Swan

**CROOKED Chiefs**, a new band, are having a launch gig at the White Swan in Dunstable on Saturday January 18. And it's free!

The five-piece ska group from Bedfordshire formed in June 2013 and list *The Specials*, *The Jam*, *The Clash*, *Bob Marley*, *Lee Scratch Perry*, *The King Blues* and *The Skints* among their influences.

They describe their music as a fusion of punk, funk and metal and they have covered ska and reggae classics such as 'It's up to You' by *The Specials*, 'Bend down Low' and the mid 90's dance classic 'Set you Free' by *Ntrance*.

The band consists of Ben Cooper on guitar and vocals, Edd Stones on guitar, Liam Murphy on the keyboard, Lea Hart on bass guitar and Joe Cooper on drums.

The White Swan is an independently owned and run pub established in 1719. It regularly hosts live bands and has gourmet food on offer that can be ordered during sets.

For more on Crooked Chiefs visit them online at [soundcloud.com/crooked-chiefs](http://soundcloud.com/crooked-chiefs).

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

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- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Garden

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EPC D



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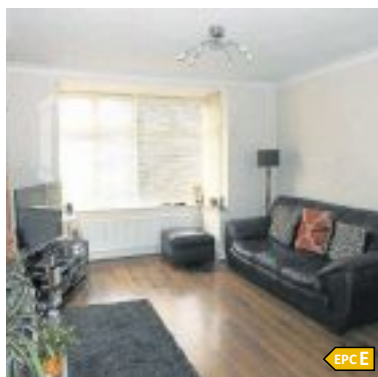
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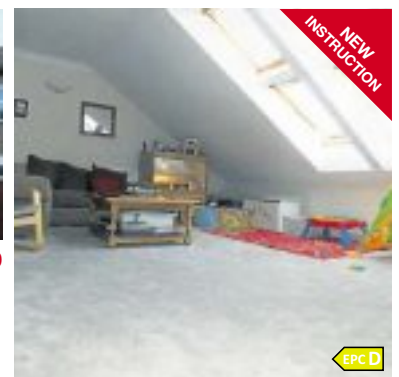
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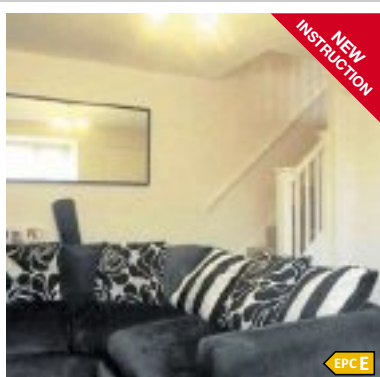
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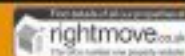


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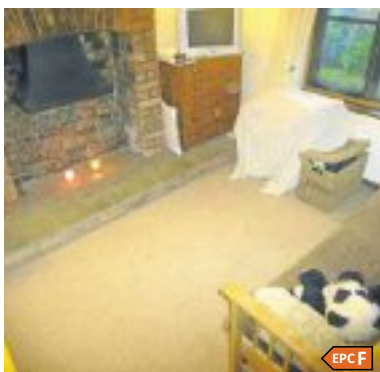
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**Closing Date:** 12 noon, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014

**Required for:** ASAP

We are looking to recruit an Assistant House Leader to provide support to students and ensure they receive every opportunity to achieve their true potential.

The successful applicant will be:

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We are seeking to appoint a number of Learning Support Assistants to join the Academy to support students in raising achievement. Applicants will be required to support students with a range of learning needs, including global development delay.

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Or Telephone 01234 378814 for more information.  
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Luton CAB is a registered charity and we rely on specially trained volunteers to help us to provide vital advice and support services to the people of our town. Successful applicants will be given full training in Gateway interviewing - so you don't need any previous qualifications, skills or experience. You just need to be open-minded, non-judgmental, be able to listen, learn, work in a team, and have at least two half days, or one full day, a week to spare, Monday to Friday.

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For an application pack (CVs not accepted) please contact:

**Roseanne Gill,**  
Administration Officer,  
Luton Citizens Advice Bureau,  
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Luton, LU1 2DP.  
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- You will be organised, reliable and bring a positive approach to your work, seeking to maximise each pupils engagement, learning and enjoyment of school.
- You will be a good communicator, able to develop good working relationships with a range of staff and pupils.
- You will have good Numeracy and Literacy skills.
- You will be professional in dealing with children and families who have been through challenging circumstances.
- You will be a team player.

Experience working with Primary aged children is essential.

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Vacancy ID: 100649

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E-mail: hillborough.juniors.admin@luton.gov.uk

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Closing date for both roles: 22 January 2014.

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Newark Road, Luton LU4 8LD

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Vacancy ID: 100656

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**CONSTRUCTION OF RAISED SPEED TABLE**  
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NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, proposes to construct a Raised Speed Table Zebra Crossing in Northwell Drive, Luton, as described in the schedule below.  
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12<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Graham Turner, Highways Service Manager  
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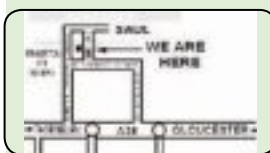
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Cranfield United 1 AFC Harlington 0

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**TAKING AIM:** Mark Cullen lets fly at the Cambridge goal

# League foes are set

**HATTERS****FA TROPHY ROUND THREE  
CAMBRIDGE UNITED  
LUTON TOWN****2  
2****BY TOM SHARP**[sport@lsnmedia.co.uk](mailto:sport@lsnmedia.co.uk)

**SKRILL Premier leaders Luton and chasing adversaries Cambridge United proved just why they are the cream of the non-league crop at present as they played out an energetic four-goal FA Trophy draw at the R Costings Abbey Stadium.**

Debutant Ryan Inniss gave Town a dream start with a third-minute header but the visitors could have seen their half-time lead snatched had former Luton defender Greg Taylor converted an injury-time penalty after Jake Howells was harshly adjudged to have handled.

Buoyed by Taylor's miss, the Hatters doubled their lead as Alex Wall helped home Kane Ferdinand's superb cutback three minutes after the restart.

Cambridge had battled purposefully for most of this one though and their persistence eventually paid off.

Two goals in two minutes through a Tom Elliott header and substitute Ashley Chambers' calm finish rescued the home side.

With the game in added time, Town had the inside of the post to thank with Elliott Justham beaten from Liam Hughes' free-kick but seconds later Mark Tyler's understudy saved superbly from goalscorer Chambers and Nathan Arnold fired against the bar.

A classy contest between the non-league's two lead performers and another dose due on Tuesday night in the replay at Kenilworth Road.

Still insisted in midweek he is not interested in other club's fortunes and would not be

drawn into slanging matches regarding his Hatters' side.

Nevertheless, U's manager and former Town boss Richard Money was not shy of fanning the flames last month, dismissing his former side's terrific form as merely what any team in Luton's position are capable of.

Those resources allowed Still to make ten changes from the team that finished a spectacular Christmas period with a solid goalless draw at Lincoln City.

Two of those alterations were the January recruits of Ferdinand and Crystal Palace's towering centre-back Inniss and it was the latter that within three minutes had made an impact. Shaun Whalley's delightfully floated ball was nodded home unopposed by the borrowed defender.

"Money's cracking up" reverberated from the away end. The perfect start as Town looked to solidify bragging rights over their promotion

## Luton stoic whilst Stockwood Park are rampant

**RUGBY UNION****BY TIM BARTLETT**[sport@lsnmedia.co.uk](mailto:sport@lsnmedia.co.uk)

**LUTON RFC** beat a well drilled visiting Colchester outfit 29-15 yesterday and went third in London 1 North.

"We're really pleased," said Luton's backs coach Nick Rhodes. "They're a very good side, it was a great day for our forwards. On Friday evening I texted the guys an old Chinese proverb – 'invincibility lies in defence, the possibility of victory in attack' – and that's what we were all about today."

Tries from Jack Elston, Jake Hobbs and Tom Wilmore, with Rik Hobbs converting all three, and kicking a penalty, had established a 24-0 lead, prior to Colchester

registering their first points just before the interval

Despite the visitors recording fifteen unanswered points, Elston scored his second to secure the bonus point, and eliminate any chance of an Essex revival.

"We were dominant up front," said Rhodes. "We didn't give them a platform to build off."

**DUNSTABLIANS** were beaten at home 20-10, by table-topping Leighton Buzzard, in a game of two halves at Bedford Road yesterday.

"They certainly edged the first half, but the second period was all ours, we were excellent", said back Campbell Haig, who was forced to sit this one out due to a back injury.

Trailing by 20 points, the Dees responded in style, first from a Kev Boland penalty, and then an outstanding Jordan Warner try, and despite Dees pressure, the score

remained 20-10. "It was probably a fair result," said Haig. "Though I think we were unfortunate not to score a second."

**STOCKWOOD PARK** rampaged at London Road, destroying a visiting Deepings side 110-0.

"We wanted to put three successive league defeats behind us," said Stockwood's Jason Carr.

"We did that in style, and recorded a record first team league win."

Leading 38-0 at the interval, there was no let-up in the second period, putting a further 72 points on their opponents, 18 tries in total. Josh Woulfe scored four tries, Kyle Jennings a hat-trick, Aaron Beattie a brace, with a further nine players contributing to the rout, twelve scorers in all. "Every time we had the ball we looked like scoring", added Park's Ben Griffin.



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DREAM START: New boy Ryan Inniss wheels away after his debut goal

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# to collide again in replay

rivals. The U's sluggish beginning may have been the result of a two-week New Year break due to the poor weather but they soon fought back with vigour.

Luke Berry and Michael Spillane were both thwarted by Justham while goalscorer Inniss almost undid his prolific work at the other end as he tangled with Arnold in the box.

However, referee Simon Bennett saw nothing untoward as Luton rode the U's assault.

Town's run in the FA Trophy this season has provided a youthful feel but it was the oldest man in their starting line-up, Anthony Charles, who should have doubled the visitors' lead, somehow nodding over the bar from six yards.

A blistering pace continued as both sides jockeyed for supremacy. That tempo was soon to be halted though as U's centre-back Tom Bonner was stretchered off following a meaty collision with Wall.

Bonner's replacement Ashley Chambers, scorer in York's play-off final win over Town in 2012, was certain to give the away faithful uneasy memories. Cambridge were on the front foot but could not break Town's assured backline.

As the half entered five minutes of added time and Luton

scrapped to maintain their goal advantage, Arnold's crisp shot after neat footwork was adjudged to have hit the sliding Howells' arm.

Taylor, shipped out on loan to promoted Mansfield by Paul Buckle last season, stepped up coolly but slammed his spot kick against the post with Charles clearing the subsequent danger. Luton may have been fortunate to still hold their lead but there was nothing lucky about great endeavour providing a second goal.

Ferdinand dispossessed Spillane out wide and his precise chip found the diving Wall to force home with his head.

A place in the last eight beckoned. "Wembley, Wembley" rang out from the away end.

Money's men bit back again and with 19 minutes remaining they finally cashed in. Sadly for Luton, not once, but twice.

With the door ajar for a home revival and the pressure building, Elliott's superb leap and Chambers' composed finish brought the game back to parity within two minutes.

An end-to-end frenzy ensued as Cambridge hounded the Hatters but a series of lucky breaks and wasteful finishing saw the match end in a hard-fought deadlock.



TAKING FLIGHT: Shaun Whalley jumps a challenge

## Dunstable march on and go four points clear at the top

### LOCAL FOOTBALL

BY MATT DESAI  
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DUNSTABLE Town came from a goal behind to beat St Ives Town 2-1 at Creasey Park, and ensure they stay at the top of the Southern League Division One Central.

Jon Stead's effort opened the scoring for The Saints moments into the second half, before goals from Leon Cashman and Tony Burnett had the hosts ahead within fifteen minutes.

An even opening period saw both sides share chances, with visiting 'keeper Barney McLaughlin the standout performer, most

notably keeping Burnett at bay.

After a goalless first half though, it didn't take the game long to spring into life after the restart, and St Ives Town were ahead within moments when midfielder Stead spectacularly struck the back of the net from long-range.

But the league leaders weren't to be disheartened, and they hit back almost immediately.

Cashman showed that anything Stead could do, he could do better, and the midfield man curled a free kick home, giving McLaughlin no chance.

Dunstable Town began to up the tempo, pushing their visitors deeper and deeper, and

they were rewarded for their efforts just before the hour mark.

A corner from Dunstable resulted in a scramble inside the penalty area, and with The Saints unable to clear their lines, forward Burnett popped up to stab in from close range.

Both teams continued to press, St Ives for an equaliser, Dunstable for some daylight, but neither side could do any more to affect the score line.

The Cambridgeshire outfit's best opportunity in the closing stages came after the introduction of fifty-one year-old substitute Warren Everdell, but nobody was on hand to convert his teasing cross.

After a nervy finish, Dunstable Town held on to record a vital victory, leaving them four points clear at the top of the table, while St Ives Town sit in eleventh place.

Elsewhere in the division, Barton Rovers' match at home to North Greenford United was postponed, meaning they drop down into fourth position after Royston Town's win.

Despite the best efforts of groundstaff the home clash with North Greenford United fell foul of the weather and Rovers had a Saturday afternoon off.

AFC Dunstable's Spartan South Midlands Premier Division fixture away to London Tigers was also called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

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# Tiredness took its toll in tight trophy tussle



LOOKING GOOD: Alex Wall makes it 2-0 to Luton before Cambridge's fightback  
Picture: Gareth Owen

## HATTERS

BY TOM SHARP  
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THE Hatters may be galloping away from the chasing pack in the Skrill Premier but John Still believes tired legs cost his side in yesterday's 2-2 FA Trophy draw with promotion rivals Cambridge United.

Despite being under the cosh for much of the frenetic encounter, Town raced into a two-goal lead thanks to debutant Crystal Palace loanee Ryan Inniss and Alex Wall.

However, the U's resiliency shone through as they snatched two quick-fire efforts midway through the second half and ultimately were unfortunate not to claim victory in the closing stages.

"We found the last 20 minutes tough," said Still.

"Our centre-back pairing of Charlo (Anthony Charles) and Ryan Inniss obviously have not played together and we

knew Charlo's fitness would not be great because he has been out for so long and we paid for it.

"One straight ball through the middle for the second goal carved us open and we could do nothing.

"I do not want to sound unfair to Anthony but I am not surprised he made mistakes because of match rustiness. We thought we would give him another run-out as this game was important for the likes of him, Solly [Taiwo] and Jon Shaw but I think tiredness was a major factor in us giving away the lead."

With Cambridge's mounting schedule due to poor New Year weather and cup commitments, many felt a draw and a subsequent replay in this clash could hand Luton the edge in the promotion race. Nevertheless, Still disagrees.

"Football is a funny game and someone might say what is the best result for Luton today?," said the former Dagenham boss.

"A lot said a draw before the game but John Still's best result is always a win.

"We have come away from home against a very good side and we have made our normal changes but I still thought we could win. A draw is fair on balance but not what I was after personally."

The Hatters have not been back to Kenilworth Road since their farcical 2-1 win over Barnet on New Years Day in soggy conditions but Town's boss is hopeful of a decent playing surface for Tuesday's replay.

"I have not seen the pitch since then but we will hope we can get the game on," said Still.

"We shall have a look on Monday but I know the groundsmen have been working tirelessly so it should be fine."

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